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Friday trivia

Have you been reading your RedEyes this week? If so, this trivia question should be a snap! Find the answer on Page 5 of Saturday's edition of RedEye. The weekend edition is free and available only by home delivery, so subscribe now at redeyeweekend.com.

Who is Dan Coudreaux?

A) The head chef at McDonald's who recently created the MacSnack Wrap.

B) The surprise Olympic gold medalist in the giant slalom.

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**GOOD WEEK/
BAD WEEK****It was a good
week to be ...**

Louie Sulcer of Woodstock, Ga., who downloaded the 10 billionth song from Apple's iTunes store. The company said Thursday it has sold 10 billion songs from the iTunes Store since it opened in 2003, cementing Apple's position as the world's largest music retailer.

The 10 billionth song was "Guess Things Happen That Way" by Johnny Cash. Sulcer will receive a \$10,000 gift card.

The music store sold around 25 million tracks in 2003. Three years later, it surpassed the 1 billion mark.

Separately, Apple was set to hold its annual shareholder meeting Thursday at its headquarters in Cupertino, Calif.

**It was a bad
week to be ...**

An 80-year-old woman with a criminal record stretching back to 1955. Doris Thompson has been sentenced to three years in state prison for ransacking and stealing cash from a Southern California medical office.

Thompson thanked a judge Wednesday for not sending her to Los Angeles County jail, which she doesn't like, and said she deserved a longer sentence. She also told the judge, "God bless you."

State records show Thompson, who has used 27 aliases, has been arrested repeatedly during the past 55 years, mainly for petty theft and burglary.

**IN****Jay Leno**

Love him or hate him, Jay Leno is back as host of NBC's late-night show at 10:35 p.m. Monday.

NBC said Wednesday that Adam Lambert, Robin Thicke, Ben Harper and Lifehouse will be among the guests the first two weeks.

Leno's previously announced guests include Jamie Foxx, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and Olympic champions Lindsey Vonn, Shaun White and Apolo Anton Ohno.

Leno is returning to "Tonight" after a short, unsuccessful stint as a prime-time host. He's reclaiming the show from Conan O'Brien, who left when NBC tried to move him to a midnight slot. **NBC PHOTO**

OUT**The Olympics**

The Winter Olympics, which have been a ratings juggernaut for NBC, wrap up with the closing ceremonies Sunday.

All good things must come to end, eh?

Fox's "American Idol," the most-watched show in prime-time TV, attracted a bigger audience than NBC's Winter Olympics on Wednesday, topping the games three of the four nights the programs competed.

"Idol" attracted a total of 29 million viewers Wednesday night, 20 percent more than the Olympics, News Corp.'s Fox said.



Vice President Joseph Biden and President Obama confer during a bipartisan summit on health care Thursday. **BLOOMBERG**

Let the DVR rest for a spell

Watching TV as it happens has never been so interesting

OK, so maybe the days of tuning in to live TV *are* going the way of the buffalo. Between Hulu, TiVo and YouTube clips, the options for catching the action when you want to catch it are endless. No need to keep up with a broadcast schedule, right? Not so fast: Recently, watching it right now has gotten a lot more interesting. Here's a look at what's in, out and whatever in world of the as-it-happens airwaves. **AP, BLOOMBERG CONTRIBUTED**

WHATEVER**Obama health-care summit**

President Obama argued Thursday that a sweeping overhaul of the nation's broken health-care system is imperative for the nation's future economic vitality, clashing in an extraordinary live-on-TV summit with Republicans who want far more modest changes. "We believe we have a better idea," GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander said.

It wasn't the first time the president has gone for wide distribution. In January, Obama hosted the White House Forum on Modernizing Government, in which 50 CEOs came in to talk with federal officials about ways to streamline government operations and improve efficiency. It was streamed live on the Internet.

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Minty goodness
or just a sham?

If you read this column on a regular basis, you know at least three things about me: I hate "isms," i.e. racism, sexism, nihilism. I love hip-hop music. And I am obsessed with Shamrock Shakes.

This year marks the fourth I've penned an ode to an item that appears ever so briefly on the McDonald's menu item right around St. Paddy's Day.

Not to overstate my passion, but this green goodness is my sole reason for pulling into a McDonald's drive-through.

But those who have been following my Shamrock Shake-seeking via @thekylesfiles know I haven't been as crazy about the Shamrock shake selection of late.

In fact, I've been feeling sham-boozled. Two out of three shakes I've hunted down to date offered only the slightest hint of mint.

What I once revered as one of the greatest desserts in fast food history is tasting like a vanilla shake with a bad dye job.

It doesn't help that it now comes nearly naked in a plastic cup, topped with a ridiculous amount of whipped cream and a cherry.

Somewhere, Grimace is, well, grimacing.

I wouldn't mind the makeover if the beverage maintained its Frango flavor. To paraphrase Oscar-winner-turned-Daddy Daycamp-doofus Cuba Gooding Jr.: Show me the mint!

But not too much.

A non-scientific survey of Sham fans turned up some who thought Mickey D was skimping on mint, but also several instances of overly syrupy slop.

One particular poster, Shlee, made a strong point with Caps Lock and a made-up word.

"OMG I was soooo excited to see these are back," poster Shlee opined. "However....I was HUGELY disappointed that my shake was TOO green and spearmint-y."

Outrageous.

These shakes — available only for a limited time — should be of optimal quality. So I decided to get to the bottom of this shakedown.

I e-mailed the McDonald's spokesfolks, or as I call them, McPublicists.

The shake formulation has not changed, according to the company's Kristi Weaver, despite the suspicions of some (a.k.a. me).

"The only thing that has changed is the packaging," Weaver said, adding that the triple-thick formula of McDonald's shakes also is unchanged.

She assured me that McDonald's employees aren't supposed to be fooling with the formula. There is a standard recipe and shake machines are calibrated to deliver a consistent product.

If you experience fluctuating flavors, contact McDonald's customer service hot-line at 800-244-6227, Weaver advised.

And here's one more point of contact: Unleash your ire at the Shamrock blog of record, redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles.

It's my personal mission not only to drink as many Shams as I can, but to make sure the ones you drink don't leave you feeling forshaken.

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The casket of Chicago Police Sgt. Alan Haymaker is carried Thursday into Bethel Community Church on Foster Avenue.

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No murder charges

Man charged with burglary in case that led to police officer's death in crash

Chicago Tribune

Prosecutors have decided against filing murder charges against a Markham man arrested for a burglary that Chicago Police Sgt. Alan Haymaker was responding to when he died in a crash.



Haymaker

Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis had said the department was looking into possible murder charges against anyone arrested in the burglary because Haymaker died on

his way to the crime scene Monday.

But prosecutors said the case did not warrant such charges. Instead, they charged Larry Brown, 28, with one count of felony burglary and one count of obstructing identification.

Brown acted as a lookout while other people threw a car battery through a window of a North Side store early Monday morning and stole several thousands of dollars worth of

BEHIND THE DECISION

A source said there were three reasons why murder charges weren't filed in the case of Chicago Police Sgt. Alan Haymaker, who was responding to a burglary when he died in a car crash. **TRIBUNE**

1 Prosecutors felt they could not prove the suspect could have foreseen that his actions might have led to the death of an officer responding to the burglary.

2 Haymaker was more than a mile from the scene of the burglary.

3 Despite the fact that authorities have no reason to doubt Haymaker was on his way to the burglary after hearing a radio call, there was no record he ever responded saying he was on his way.

cell phones, prosecutors said.

Cook County Judge Ramon Ocasio III ordered Brown held without bail because he was on probation for another burglary when he was arrested.

State's attorney spokeswoman Sally Daly said the office reviewed the case for pos-

sible felony murder charges, "but there is not sufficient legal basis to charge the offender with felony murder in connection with this officer's tragic death."

Weis released a statement saying "we recognized there was a possibility that felony murder charges would not be approved in the death of Sgt. Alan Haymaker.

"We have a strong partnership with the Cook County states attorney's office and other law enforcement agencies, and will continue to work with them as the investigation moves forward."

The president of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association said the union is happy someone has been arrested and disappointed no murder charge was brought. But Sgt. Robert Kirchner said he is not criticizing the state's attorney's office.

"We're not happy with the decision, but we understand it," he said. "I'm glad good police work led to the solving of the burglary. It doesn't bring back our member," or bring back Haymaker to his family, he said.

Developer subpoenas Daley

A developer accused of bribing a Chicago alderman has subpoenaed Mayor Daley to testify at his upcoming criminal trial, City Hall disclosed Thursday.

Daley received the defense subpoena Tuesday, according to a statement from Mara Georges, the city's corporation counsel.

"If the court finds that the mayor's testimony is relevant and required, he will testify," Georges said.

Why indicted developer Calvin Boender is seeking Daley's testimony is unknown, said Jenny Hoyle, a Law Department spokeswoman. Boender's lawyer, Robert Sanger, could not be immediately reached for comment.

Authorities say Boender bribed then-Ald. Isaac "Ike" Carothers in exchange for Carothers' support of Boender's residential and commercial development in the 29th Ward.

ComEd to seek rate hikes

Electric bills soon may be headed higher for many Chicago-area residents, to the dismay of consumer advocates.

ComEd, the state's largest electricity provider, plans to ask state regulators to let it hike electricity rates later this year, William Von Hoene Jr., executive vice-president for regulatory and legal for ComEd parent Exelon Co., told analysts at a Credit Suisse investor conference Feb. 3.

A ComEd spokesman confirmed the potential rate increase, which was first reported by Crain's Chicago Business. But he wouldn't say how much the utility will seek from the Illinois Commerce Commission, which must approve any rate change.

CPS facing deep cuts

The head of the Chicago Public Schools on Thursday laid out a dire budget forecast for next school year, with a deficit that could reach more than \$1 billion if Gov. Quinn's proposed budget becomes law.

Without concessions from CPS unions and major pension relief, the Board of Education may be forced to lay off teachers and cut programs, CEO Ron Huberman said in a news conference at CPS headquarters Thursday afternoon.

Despite having balanced the 2010 budget, CPS will cut another 500 jobs by the end of March, Huberman said. He said the cuts are a measure to prepare for the looming 2011 deficit.

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Boxer Rita Figueroa (right), who underwent emergency brain surgery after a bout in November, helps Sergio Montes de Oca train for an upcoming match. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

A close call

Woman's boxing injury sparks safety questions

Chicago Tribune

Boxer Rita Figueroa lasted all six rounds of her last fight before the bell rang and she headed to the locker room.

But the 40-year-old fighter was not well. A painful headache developed, then nausea and vomiting. She couldn't sign for her check to get paid. Paramedics put her on a stretcher and prepared to put her in an ambulance.

Then, according to members of her corner team, employees with the UIC Pavilion wouldn't allow the ambulance to leave. The next bout had started, and an ambulance is required by law to be present during boxing matches.

Ultimately Figueroa was taken to the University of Illinois Medical Center and underwent emergency brain surgery for a broken blood vessel.

But Dr. Sepideh Amin-Hanjani, who performed the operation, said Figueroa probably avoided irreversible results by a matter of minutes. "We got her before she slipped into a coma," she said. "She would've progressed to the severe ultimate scenario of coma and obviously death shortly thereafter."

The boxing community views Figueroa's

experience as an aberration. "We're very proud of the way it was handled," Ron Puccillo, director of the Illinois Athletic Commission, said.

But the response to her injury, which ended the career of a popular champion in Chicago's small boxing world, highlights lax attention in Illinois to safety in a dangerous sport, the Tribune found.

The state doesn't require from promoters an official plan of action for instances when a fighter is injured. In Texas, promoters are required to prepare such a plan before events. Nor does Illinois track cases in which boxers are sent to a hospital. In California, gyms are required to submit monthly reports on fighters who become injured during training, but not in Illinois.

Moreover, current laws designed to protect safety aren't always followed. Though ringside doctors are legally required to examine boxers after bouts, more than a dozen Chicago boxers and trainers said in interviews that it rarely happens. Doctors step in only when fighters are knocked out or are visibly bloody, or when boxers and trainers request it, they said.

"It's not really a doctor that checks you after the fight. It's really the paramedics," longtime Chicago boxer Germaine Sanders said. "The doctor just sits along ringside."

The debate about safety in boxing, where victory can mean beating an opponent unconscious, is as old as the sport itself. It resurfaced after the November death of popular Chicago boxer Francisco Rodriguez, who was fatally injured while fighting in Philadelphia.

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Oil spill threatens Italy

1 Sludge from an oil spill snaked down the Po River on Thursday to reach the province of Parma, raising fears that the home of Italy's famed prosciutto, parmesan cheese and other agricultural staples might be at risk of water contamination.

Finger-lickin' state bird

2 An Augusta, Ga., restaurateur has launched a grassroots effort to change Georgia's official state bird from the brown thrasher to the chicken.

Actor's body found

3 A tearful Walter Koenig appeared at a news conference Thursday evening to confirm that a body found in Vancouver's Stanley Park was that of his son, missing "Growing Pains" actor Andrew Koenig. "My son took his own life," Walter Koenig said. Walter and Judy Koenig pleaded with those suffering from depression to seek help.

Travel mess in France

4 A strike by French air traffic controllers disrupted flights Thursday on the third day of a walkout that looks set to enter the weekend.

Shark tank springs leak

5 Water gushed from a leak in a shark-filled aquarium in a ritzy Dubai mall Thursday, sending startled shoppers scattering and shutting down nearby shops in one of the city's proudest attractions.

Toyoda drama delivers



Toyoda

6 The image of Toyota President Akio Toyoda choking up during a meeting with American dealers is winning accolades in Japan, a society that has always had a soft spot for such displays of emotion. The footage was broadcast over and over Thursday.

THE DIGIT

40 percent

More than 40 percent of museums across the country saw significant increases in visitors last year, ranging from 5 percent to more than 20 percent compared with 2008, according to results of a study released Thursday.

Your workout just got shorter

7 LONDON People who complain they have no time to exercise soon may need another excuse.

Some experts say intense exercise sessions could help people squeeze an entire week's workout into less than an hour. Those regimens—also called interval training—originally were developed for Olympic athletes and thought to be too strenuous for normal people.

But in recent years, studies in older people and those with health problems suggest many more people might be able to handle it. If true, that could revolutionize how officials advise people to exercise—and save millions of people hours in the gym every week. It is also a smarter way to exercise, experts say.

"High-intensity interval training is twice as effective as normal exercise," said Jan Helgerud, an exercise expert at

WHAT IS INTERVAL TRAINING?

Intense interval training means working very hard for a few minutes, with rest periods between sets. Experts have mostly tested people running or biking, but other sports such as rowing or swimming also should work.

the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. "This is like finding a new pill that works twice as well. ... We should immediately throw out the old way of exercising."

Studies on intense training have been published in sports medicine journals and have largely been based on young, healthy people. Experts say more studies are needed on how older and less fit populations handle this type of exercise before it can be recommended more widely.

Whale grabbed trainer's hair

8 ORLANDO Orange County Sheriff's Office investigators said Thursday that SeaWorld Orlando trainer Dawn Brancheau died from "multiple traumatic injuries and drowning" after a killer whale pulled her underwater by her long ponytail near the theme park's Shamu Stadium.

Investigators released a statement shortly after an official at SeaWorld Orlando said the killer whale, Tilikum, is being evaluated and that the theme park will keep the animal.

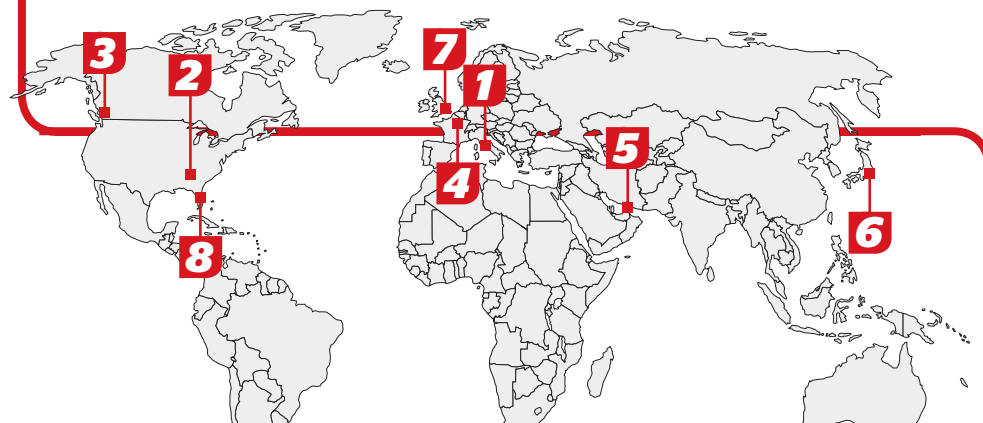
Brancheau, 40, on Wednesday was "interacting" with the killer whale in knee-deep water "when the animal grabbed her by the hair, said to be in a long ponytail, and



Tilikum

pulled her underwater," the Orange County Sheriff's Office said a statement.

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JARRETT PAYTON BRINGS THE FAMILY GAME, FAMILIAR NO. 34 BACK TO CHICAGO

By Sarah Spain
 FOR REDEYE

You could say Jarrett Payton has come full circle.

As a boy, he frequented Halas Hall along with his dad, Bears legend Walter Payton. When Jarrett got into the game himself, it took him to Miami, Amsterdam, Nashville, Montreal and Toronto. Now, the running back and only son of Walter has returned home to play with the Indoor Football League's Chicago Slaughter.

And Payton is content to be back in the Windy City, wearing the No. 34 made famous by his father.

"I'm at peace with who I am as a man," he said before a recent practice at Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. "I got married last March, and my life has calmed down. I've come to the realization that I'm my own person, and my dad instilled that in me as a little kid: Be your own person."

Payton has found his own success, though never the kind enjoyed by his dad. He was Orange Bowl MVP his senior year at Miami, spent a season with the Tennessee Titans, captained the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe to a World Bowl title, then played for Montreal and Toronto in the Canadian Football League.

Though he's on a smaller stage now, Payton said he's OK not playing with the best of the best anymore.

"This is a fit for my lifestyle," the 29-year-old Oswego resident said. "It's 365 days of the year in the NFL—you don't really get any time off."

"For me it's not about the money, it's more for the people that come and sit in these chairs and get excited 'cause you score a touchdown. It doesn't matter what league I'm playing in. As long as I'm playing and I'm feeling comfortable, that's all I care about."

Two familiar faces should help keep Payton comfortable on his new team. Steve McMichael, the coach of the Slaughter since 2007, and Jim McMahon, who recently became part-owner of the team, played with Payton's dad on the Super Bowl champion '85 Bears.

"It's unbelievable," Payton said. "Steve has watched me grow up. He's known me from when I was a little kid, running around at Halas Hall, taking the hot chocolate packets and throwing the powder everywhere."

There's no doubt Payton learned such mischievous behavior from his dad, a notorious prankster.

"One day my dad and I ended up getting to Halas Hall early," Payton recalled with a laugh. "And he locked all the doors from the inside out so nobody could get in. It was cold out, people were freezing out there—and he looked at me and said, 'Don't open the door.'"

So will the new No. 34 be up to the same old tricks?

"I'm not as much into pranks," Payton said. "I am about making people laugh. I wanna keep everybody's



Jarrett Payton runs through drills at a Chicago Slaughter practice last week. **ANDREW A. NELLES** PHOTOS FOR REDEYE



spirits up. I remember the first night we had voluntary workouts, I was yelling, and guys were looking at me like, 'Oh my god, this guy is crazy!'

"That's me."

After just a few practices, McMichael already is impressed with Payton's work ethic.

"I'm so proud of that kid. The way he practices—that's his daddy," he said. "It's a story for every young kid, not just Walter's son. Any running back growing up should want to emulate Walter Payton, the way he worked."

Payton's game may not be as explosive as his dad's, but McMichael said there are similarities. He sees Walter in the way Payton makes cuts on the field, in his quick feet and in his ability to find a hole.

"Jarrett's going to lead this league, I promise you," McMichael said. "The talent level and the work ethic that the kid has is more than what's in this league. Out here, where the field is not as wide and it's half as long—he looks faster to me than his dad, even."

If that endorsement isn't reason enough to check out a Slaughter game, Payton thinks the nostalgia of it all will bring fans to the team's season opener Saturday.

"People have been waiting for a long time to see another jersey with the name Payton and No. 34 in Chicago," Payton said. "It's finally here. What are you waiting for?" **SARAH SPAIN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

PAYTON'S PICKS

Jarrett Payton has a long history with Chicago, so he knows the city scene. Here are some of his favorites.



» **Cubs or Sox:**
Cubs

» **Thin-crust or deep-dish:** Deep

» **Favorite bar:**
Leg Room



» **Favorite restaurant:**
Potbelly's

» **Favorite Chicago musician:**
Smashing Pumpkins



» **Favorite Chicago athlete (besides his dad):** Scottie Pippen. "I like MJ, but everybody would say MJ. I like Scottie because he was the man behind the man."

» **Favorite place to spend a weekend afternoon with your wife:** "At the gym. Seriously!"

Twits, tweets and bleeps

Do you believe in miracles? I don't.

Not this time around, anyway. I'm glad to see our Blackhawks having a nice run in the Olympics, don't get me wrong, especially in the U.S. win over Canada.

But let's get something straight: These are pros were dealing with here, so let's not get teary-eyed.

That said, all six of our Blackhawks have made it to the semis. Amazing.

I don't care which country they play for, if the U.S. plays Canada again ... watch out.

Again, winter distractions until we can get spring training started.

Nice story here: The White Sox will be featured on a reality TV show on the MLB Network.

That's funny, I pitched a reality TV show a few years back, but it was rejected. It was called "Help, I'm a good baseball player trapped with the Cubs, get me outta here!"

I had another one for Jay Cutler last year: "Help, my coordinator is an idiot. Get me outta here." Also rejected.

Back to the Sox. Nice to see all the tweets and bleeps and blah-blah, but I guess I'm supposed to be pleased Bobby Jenks lost weight and is now in shape.

Bobby, thanks for growing up. I mean it. But in the future, please remember when someone is paying you millions a year, that's already part of your job.

Or, as Ozzie might tweet, "You piece of bleep bleep bleep lose all that extra baggage!"

The summer of 2010 will be fun. As far as the Bulls are concerned, it can start right now. I'm not sure we even have enough players left to dress every night after clearing all that salary.

Here's a tweet that keeps going off in my head. It's the one where we can't get any free agents to sign with us, so we're left with, like, eight guys to play with every night.

Or as Ozzie would tweet, "Where the bleep is everybody?"

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Gold standard

U.S. hockey has raised expectations so high, nothing less than gold will do. Kind of opposite of how Guts of Vancouver 24 Hrs. works. redychicago.com/5on5.

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1 How disappointed will you be if the U.S. hockey team doesn't reach the gold medal game?	No worries, they'll go far. They block softly and carry big sticks.	No worries. Thanks to sore loser Evgeni "P. Snitty" Plushenko, I realize they can always go "platinum."	I'd burn all my Brooks Orpik jerseys, pronto.	I'll still be golden.	I'll fly down to Salt Lake City with Chris Chelios and trash a hotel suite.
2 It's the last weekend of the Olympics. How are you coping?	More cow belle. Jenna Bush's Texas drawl helps me realize I need to get into fireplace journalism.	Clearly Lindsey Vonn's to blame. Thanks for showing me the light, Julia Mancuso.	Not well. Now instead of curling at 3 a.m., I'll be back to watching "Golden Girls" reruns.	I've been stockpiling maple leafs under my bed.	Was doing fine until Bob Costas asked a Belgian luger what team she likes in the NFC North.
3 What might we see in Sunday's closing ceremonies?	A final rose from Matt Lauer? Matt, I'll give you some direction—to my house.	Hopefully the ritualized burning of all Johnny Weir costumes.	An advance screening of "Blades of Glory 2: You Snooze, You Luge."	I'll still be recovering from closing ceremonies Saturday night.	The conclusion to the Wayne Gretzky/Al Cowlings white Bronco chase.
4 What have we learned from the Winter Olympics?	Never bet on Canada. Your money isn't good there anyway unless it's syrupy.	I'm more convinced than ever that the Juicy Fruit skiers should've qualified for aerials.	That "Project Runway" stiff's will always have a job in ice dancing.	Bryan Adams is just as terrible as I remember him.	That curling truly is a sad combination of shuffleboard and housework.
5 Why did former Bears QB Jim McMahon become part owner of the Chicago Slaughter?	It was torture (also known as Slaughterboarding).	Because he didn't collect enough cereal box tops to become the full owner.	Because the Boost Mobile Shuffle ad failed to land him a TV pilot. Shocker.	Because his music career died with the "Super Bowl Shuffle."	Had a chance to invest in the Bears but preferred the Slaughter's stability at QB.



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Canada captures gold with shutout of U.S.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia When Shannon Szabados received her gold medal following Canada's victory over the U.S., the goaltender might as well have used her glove to catch it. Szabados repeatedly foiled U.S. attempts by flashing the glove on her left hand as Canada captured its third consecutive Olympic gold with a 2-0 victory over the U.S. on Thursday.

Marie-Philip Poulin scored two goals to provide the offense, but it was the netminding of Szabados that led to the victory, the second in three gold-medal games between the nations since the women's game was introduced the Olympics in 1998. The U.S. settled for the silver, an upgrade to its bronze in 2006 in Torino, Italy. Szabados made 28 saves after yielding one goal through the qualifying round.

Molly Engstrom cries during the medals ceremony following the Americans' loss to Canada.

GETTY IMAGES

Despite the loss, U.S. captain Natalie Darwitz said her team's togetherness was the big reason it has developed into the powerhouse it is. "Everybody in the locker room, regardless of who they're sitting next to, is willing to do anything for that player," Darwitz said. "It's so rare to find on a team sport and to have all 21 players on board and know what direction you're going in"

MEDAL DETECTOR AS OF 11 P.M. THURSDAY				
Country	G	S	B	Total
U.S.	8	12	12	32
Germany	8	11	7	26
Norway	7	6	6	19
Canada	8	6	3	17
Russian Fed.	3	4	6	13

- » Yu-Na Kim of South Korea wins women's figure skating gold. American Mirai Nagasu takes fourth.
- » Lindsey Vonn plans to ski the slalom Friday with a hard, plastic brace protecting her broken right pinkie.
- » American Jeret Peterson wins silver in men's aerials.
- » U.S. wins gold, silver in Nordic combined.

- » Angel Guzman reported soreness in his right shoulder and will be shut down for a few days.
- » The White Sox had live batting practice Thursday. The most noticeable development was Jake Peavy breaking Brent Lillibridge's bat.
- » Bulls forward Joakim Noah celebrated his 25th birthday Thursday by visiting a team physician for a bone scan on his injured left foot.

- » Northwestern 74, Iowa 57
- » UIC 78, Green Bay 71
- » Milwaukee 63, Loyola 61
- » Chicago State 71, North Dakota 61

Friday's Olympic television schedule

- NBC**
- 2-4 p.m.:** Men's hockey, semifinal (live); women's snowboard, parallel giant slalom competition.
 - 7-10:30 p.m.:** Men's short track, 500 quarterfinals, semifinal and final (live); 5,000 relay final (live); women's snowboard, parallel giant slalom final; women's alpine skiing, slalom final; four-man bobsled.
 - 11:05 p.m.-12:30 a.m.:** Women's short track, 1,000 quarterfinals, semifinals and final; men's biathlon, 4 x 7.5 km relay final; medals plaza, award ceremonies.

- USA**
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Women's curling, bronze match (live).

- MSNBC**
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.:** Men's speedskating, pursuit semifinals (live); women's speedskating, pursuit quarterfinals (live).
 - 2-4:30 a.m.:** Men's curling, semifinal.

- CNBC**
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Guilty pleasures

River North's Gilt Bar is more down-to-earth than it sounds

By Lisa Arnett

With a name like Gilt—meaning gilded or covered in gold—we wouldn't blame you for thinking River North's newest restaurant is a dramatic, swanky ordeal with prices to match. Consider owner Brendan Sodikoff, whose resume is dotted with fancy names that would dazzle any foodie (French Laundry, Per Se, Alain Ducasse—need we go on?) and it's almost the logical conclusion.

But Gilt Bar, which opened Wednesday on a quiet block of Kinzie Street in the shadow of the Merchandise Mart, is just the opposite. No white tablecloths, no snooty staff and no dish topping \$18—just simple comforts in the form of unfussy eats and classic cocktails.

"I wanted to take the best of what fine dining was for me, which is just great food and really well-organized staff and great teamwork ... and apply it to a more casual dining experience," Sodikoff said.

He's kicked the decor down several notches from elegant Aigre Doux, the last resident at this address. Indeed, the bling-iest things in the place are antique brass mirrors behind the bar. In the dining room, tables set with mismatched, worn-in wooden chairs provide plenty of space for spreading out multiple dishes. If drinks and snacks are all you're in for, those are best had in the candlelit alcoves along the room's west side, or right in the center of

the room, where two vintage-inspired leather sofas face each other under a spidery silver chandelier. The space is so versatile that it's as likely to attract cocktailers, who can perch at the drinks-only eight-seat bar, as it is to draw casual dates or lively groups with communal dining options.

Our friendly server seemed so comfortable with the menu that, if not for the smell of wood varnish hanging in the air, we could have forgotten it was the first night of dinner service. At her suggestion, we started in the "on toast" section of the menu, which matches crispy bread with toppings ranging from roasted bone marrow with pickled red onions (\$12) to tamer balsamic-roasted garlic (\$4).

The rest of the menu—a la carte dishes of vegetables, pastas, meats and seafood—reveals Sodikoff's philosophy of serving pure and simple food, drawing interest from ingredients rather than elaborate preparations and artsy presentations. The Purist (\$10) is a plate of pappardelle dusted with parmesan, pecorino and black pepper. In another dish, the same tender pasta ribbons (\$16, right) get fresh bite from celery leaves, sweetness from diver scallops, and the faintest bit of heat from chiles. Those craving bolder flavors might try the salty, smoky braised kale with white

FIRST LOOK
Gilt Bar
230 W. Kinzie St.
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beans and slivers of chorizo (\$5).

The beef pot roast (\$17) is a particularly meaty cut of short rib slow-cooked into submission (the menu calls it "spoon-tender," which our spoons confirmed) before joining carrots and cippolini onions in a bath of red wine and jus. Mind-blowing? No, but we can think of little else as comforting on an icy winter night.

The beer list mixes local crafts with European

imports, and wine bottles hover mostly in the \$20-\$35 range, but Gilt delivers on the casual tavern vibe with a few options for truly cheap drinking: a \$4 house wine and a \$2 PBR served in a huffman—a hulking glass goblet that was ordered by mistake and became a staff joke. We can't say we'll

be ordering one of those on a return visit, however, because there's a cocktail list from consulting mixologist Paul McGee, who's earned our loyalty remixing classic cocktails at the Whistler in Logan Square, where he remains behind

the bar most nights. Standard 1930s recipes like the corpse reviver #2 and blood and sand complement the throwback vibe alongside creations such as the Death's Door daisy (left), made with Madison, Wis.-based Death's Door vodka and St. Germain elderflower liqueur (all \$10).

Desserts are true to form—don't expect flourishes or frills. Timeless treats include house-made ice cream, brownies, bourbon-pecan bars, nut-flecked caramel corn and homemade candies, changing nightly (around \$6 each). Like the rest of the experience, it's not ground-breaking. It's just like Sodikoff says, "as simple as possible, but no simpler."



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Great order: Burrata with mizuna greens and toast, pot roast, caramel corn

Reservations: Accepted for now, by phone after 4 p.m. Bar area is first-come, first-served.

Average dinner for two (including drinks, tax, tip): \$100

Dinner hours: 4:45-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 4:45 p.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday. Subject to change.

Just in case: Restrooms are through the partially curtained doorway by the bar, down the stairs and around the corner past three other closed doors.

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 of Moet Imperial
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 Ave. 773-857-1111.

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\$4 Carlsberg drafts,
 \$5 Boru Irish vodka
 cocktails, \$11.95 all-you-
 can-eat fish fry;
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7 p.m.: Questionable
 Scarf Party. Wear your
 most ridiculous or
 ugliest scarf for the
 chance to win gift
 certificates in a contest
 at 1 a.m. Drink specials
 include \$4 select
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 1113 W. Belmont Ave.
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8 p.m.: VIPink. Support
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 pitchers; 3441 N. Halsted
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8:30 p.m. \$9. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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THE BOMB, THE KICKBACK
10 p.m. Cover varies. The Rockbox, 2624 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-0205.

CATIE CURTIS, INGRID AND THE UNICORNS
8 p.m. \$18-\$30. Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

DAVE SCHUMACHER
8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

DAVID CHOI, MIA LEBLON
7 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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9 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

ERIC NODEN
7 p.m. Free. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2007.

GINA GLOCKSEN
10 p.m. \$8. Joe's Bar, 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

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7 p.m. Sold out. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

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7:30 p.m. \$25. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 888-512-7469.

SOLEMN MEANT WALKS, THE CHURCH OF ABJECT SORROW, THE EARTH IS A MAN, THE LEADS
8 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

STORY OF THE YEAR, SAOSIN, AM TAXI
9 p.m. \$15. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

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10 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

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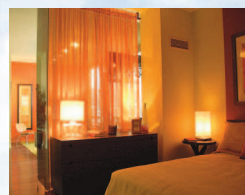
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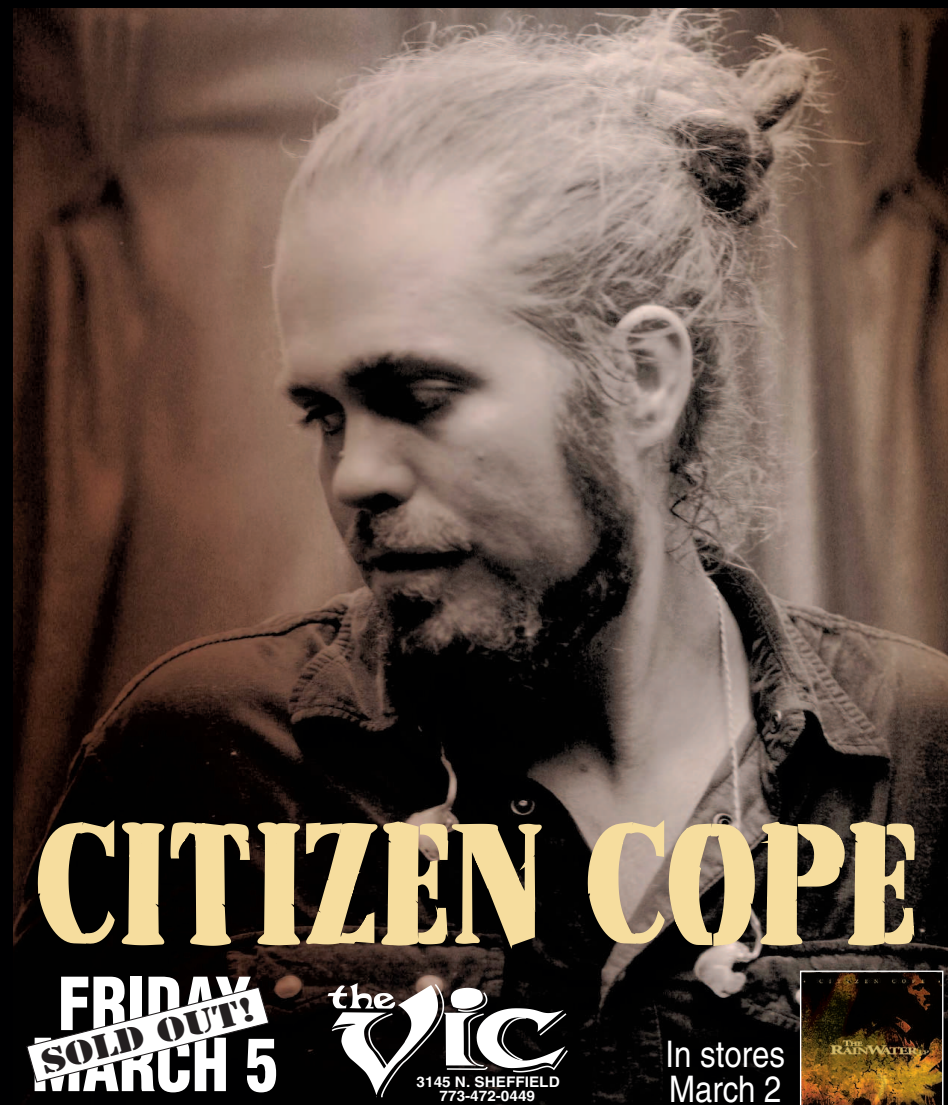
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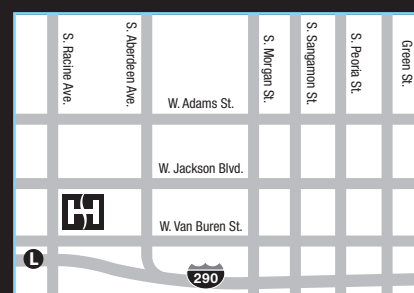
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These are our favorite answers from Twitter and
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next week's question!

@ShanteG I think she looks/acts like a ditz and I
HATE her music

@clashbabi Ke\$ha is completely ridiculous and
out of control. that song is awesome.

@NickGorski Can't deny "Tik Tok" = killer song,
but Ke\$ha's still just a silly, obnoxious white girl
rapper. Recipe for a one-hit wonder.

@JMNix Ke\$ha's songs are the musical
equivalent of a sexy schoolgirl outfit. Cliche,
gaudy, but everyone kinda likes it anyway.

@watts1319 Is sexy/nasty an option? I'm going to
go with that.

@BGS8900 I think she is a wild and entertaining
girl. Sure she is out of control, but who isn't? Nasty
is far from her. Xoxoxo

@Mudluscious4 I thought ke\$ha was a little
catchy until I heard a 9 year old girl singing about
brushing her teeth with a bottle of Jack

Fard Muhammad How do you pronounce a
dollar sign?

Farah Jean-Simon: All of the above. I hate that I
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PAY TO PLAY

Chicago clubs make big bucks on minor celebs

By Christina Salter | REDEYE

Another weekend in Chicago, another appearance by a cast member from MTV's "Jersey Shore." When Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and Paul "Pauly D" Delvecchio descended on Lumen last week, nightcrawlers came ready and willing to party with the reality TV stars.

"They're so real, like Chicago," Nicole Alonso, 27, of Bloomingdale said at the West Town lounge Friday. "There are a lot of Italians here and Chicago people can definitely relate to 'Jersey Shore.'"

The pair—part of a cast that notoriously has canceled appearances at area venues in the past—are just two of an ever growing set of A- through D-list celebs who are cashing in with promoted appearances at bars, clubs and lounges in the city. Insiders say the appearances of pseudo and not-so-pseudo stars is on the rise as more venues compete for creative ways to get bodies in the door.

Of late, getting the "Jersey" boys to drop in has been a safe bet, at least according to Alonso.

"They're huge out here and everyone talks about them," she said.

But how does a so-called celeb or DJ land in the Windy City? RedEye checked in with area promoters to get the behind-the-scenes scoop on the secret world of celeb appearances.

The list of venues known for their celeb-luring ways is familiar to anyone who reads the Monday gossip: Underground, Rockit Bar & Grill, Manor and Hub 51 are a few of the regulars. Angels and Kings, Joe's bar, Cuvee and, increasingly, The Shrine in the South Loop,

also are known for attracting the famous set.

Whether they've been promoted appearances or legitimate drop-ins, Wesley Snipes and Nick Cannon are just two of the celebs who've been spotted on that circuit of late, and rumor has it Jay-Z may be making an appearance soon.

Dante Deiana, partner and resident DJ for Chicago-based promotions company Outfit Events, said Chicago clubs spend hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to book famous faces and, in turn, boost attendance. If a celeb just shows up, all the better.

Sometimes clubs are unaware of just how expensive hiring a celebrity can be, said Marc Ippolito, president of Burns Entertainment & Sports Marketing in Evanston.

On top of the talent fee (starting at \$500 for the bottom of the D-list such as a VH1 celeb, and rising to \$50,000 or higher for big names



"Jersey Shore" stars Pauly D (left) and Mike The Situation throw T-shirts to the crowd at Lumen. BARRY BRECHEISEN PHOTOS FOR REDEYE



Industry insiders said it is difficult to estimate the exact correlation between a celeb appearance and increased attendance.

"It's sad to say, even some of the worst celebrities that come out, they usually get a good turnout," Shell said.

If a celeb hasn't visited Chicago before, there's a better chance he or she can be profitable, according to the pros. Shell says people are attracted by the "what-might-happen" aspect.

How do clubs decide whom to book?

Alison Richmond, marketing and events director for Lumen, said she goes with her gut when booking celebs. Lumen has two to three celebrity promotions per month, but the venue won't book just anyone, she said.

"People are still trying to push the Pussycat Dolls and Danity Kane, but they're past their prime," Richmond said.

On the flip side, celebrity promoters are also competing to manage buzz-worthy celebs and book them for good prices.

DJ Pauly D from 'Jersey Shore' spins at Lumen.

SECOND CITY, SECOND SIGHTINGS

As a location, Chicago has both advantages and disadvantages for the celeb booking industry. Venues can expect even higher price tags since most stars and starlets will have to travel here. In addition, most Chicago bars are not working with the budgets available to huge, high-end Las Vegas nightclubs. The bottom line: Chicagoans are more likely to see reality TV regulars than red-carpet natives.

On the other hand, Chicagoans might be thirstier for a taste of Hollywood than people who, you know, actually live in Hollywood.

"Chicago is a smaller city and there's not just celebs walking around," said Alison Richmond, marketing and events director for Lumen. "It gets people excited, especially for a fan of a show or a song."

Take the recent Jaimee Grubbs appearance (an alleged Tiger Woods mistress) at Manor. Though Outfit Events was involved only with the promotion and hosting of the event, Deiana explained how the booking likely went down.

He said a manager probably contacted Grubbs soon after Wood's scandal broke out, and started working with companies in L.A. and New York City to book her for appearances. Management companies send out rosters of available "talent," which promoters pass along to individual venues or organizations such as Outfit Events. If venues are interested in a name on the list, bargaining begins to determine the price.

In virtually no time at all, someone like Grubbs can go from "nobody" status to celebrity club promotion—drawing about 700 people to Manor when she visited Jan. 23, Deiana said. A Manor spokeswoman declined to comment on the venue's booking practices.

Of course, rubbing elbows with the rich and/or famous isn't for everyone. Jason Darowski, 32, of Boystown, said that celebrity nights likely would encourage him to avoid a bar or club.

"I would probably want to go someplace that's less of a madhouse," he said.

But for those eager to attend a star-studded event, expect the atmosphere to depend on the celebrity, Deiana said. Some get rave reviews for being down-to-earth with fans; others have demanded velvet ropes and brands of alcohol not available in the area.

Sick of seeing your favorite hangouts invaded by fame monsters? Tough luck: Shell says celebrities won't be ending their Chicago pit stops anytime soon.

"As long as we're interested in these reality shows, the reality celebs will still be making appearances, because that's how they're making their money," she said. **REDEYE'S KATIE ROGERS CONTRIBUTED.**

CELEB STALKER GUIDE

Looking to rub shoulders with the rich and famous in Chicago—even if only for one night? RedEye nightlife/celebrity columnist Luis Arroyave rounded up a few hot spots where you can get started with the stalking. Metromix tells you what you need to know to hit 'em up.



The Underground

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Recently spotted:

Nick Cannon (above, aka, Mr. Mariah Carey), Pittsburgh Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger

Getting in: Get your name on the guest list at this bomb shelter-themed lounge by e-mailing tables@theunderground-chicago.com. For table reservations, call ahead.

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Recently spotted: Brody Jenner (above) of MTV's "The Hills,"

Getting in: Cover typically runs \$20 at this slick club, open only Friday and Saturday nights as of Jan. 1. E-mail rsvp@enclavechicago.com for free entry before 11 p.m. (restrictions may apply for special events) or make table reservations online at enclavechicago.com. Guys, leave your sneakers, baseball caps and jerseys at home to get past the bouncers.

It'll cost you: \$20 at the door, \$10-\$12 per cocktail, \$180 and up for bottle service



Rockit Bar & Grill (River North)

22 W. Hubbard St.
312-645-6000

Recently spotted: Former "Entertainment Tonight" correspondent Maria Menounos (above), ex-Bears quarterback Rex Grossman

Getting in: There's never a cover at this River North standby. Walk-ins are accepted, but if you're counting on dining with a group, reservations are recommended on consistently crowded weekend nights.

It'll cost you: \$8-\$10 for cocktails, \$14-\$16 for entrees



Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse

1028 N. Rush St.
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Recently spotted: Jesse Jackson

Getting in: At this venerable Viagra Triangle steakhouse, reservations are recommended for any size party at any time. Staff tries to accommodate walk-ins before 6 p.m.

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Sunda

110 W. Illinois St.
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Recently spotted:

Leighton Meester of "Gossip Girl" (left), "America's Next Top Model" Season 8 winner Jaslene Gonzalez

Getting in:

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OTHER NOTABLE MENTIONS: Roof, Hub 51, Manor, Cuvee, Double A, Angels & Kings, Market and The Shrine. Find more info on these hot spots on metromix.com.

Things that turn us on



SHOWTIME

TV ON DVD 'Nurse Jackie'

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Edie Falco (above) makes you forget Carmelo Soprano by playing the gutsy nurse Jackie, who cheats on—but loves—her husband, has a drug addiction and doesn't take crap from doctors, patients or hospital administrators. Falco's commentary tracks are fun, making me anxious for the series' return to Showtime on March 22. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

SONG 'We Real Cool'

By Lottery; listen at redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles

Local MC Lottery hit the jackpot in this week's track-off with "We Real Cool," a killer combo of storytelling and a breezy, Pharcyde-esque instrumental. Lottery draws the listener into this tale of chillingly casual street violence, using raw lyricism and a haunting Notorious B.I.G. sample. Come to Kyles Files from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. every Monday to uncover more Chicago stars. **KYRA KYLES, REDEYE**



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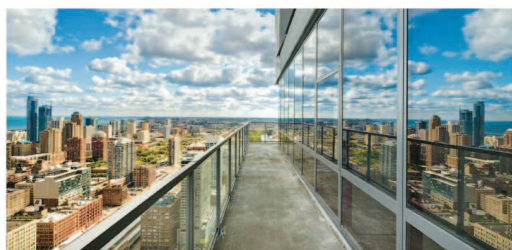
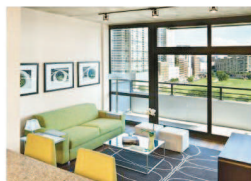


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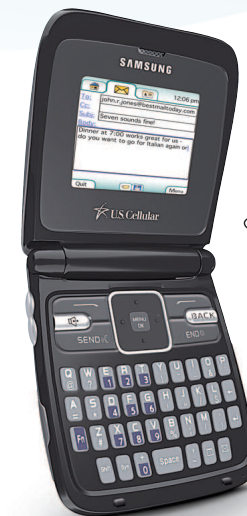
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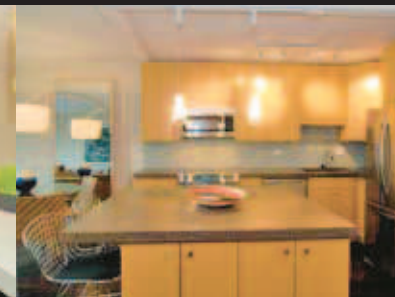
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Golden time for stargazing

The Associated Press

Look, there's Oscar winner Warren Beatty at the Beverly Hills Hotel, lounging in a restaurant booth. Or Drew Barrymore hoofing it up a trail in the Hollywood Hills. With the 82nd annual Academy Awards on March 7, L.A. becomes even more fertile terrain for celebrity sightings. Here's a selection of places to eat, shop, sweat (as in exercise!) and schmooze alongside the stars.

EAT

POLO LOUNGE

9641 Sunset Blvd., Beverly Hills

A-list stars for generations have frequented the Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel before, during and after the Oscars, either while staying at the ritzy, pale-pink hotel, attending Oscar parties there or just gathering for lunch, brunch, dinner and even afternoon tea.

Spotted: Warren Beatty, Jennifer Aniston, Jack Black (above), Michael Douglas



SWEAT

RUNYON CANYON

By now, it's a cliché to see stars hiking or walking their dogs on trails winding through Hollywood Hills nature park Runyon Canyon, but there they are.

Spotted: Drew Barrymore, Zac Efron, Justin Timberlake (left), Jessica Biel, Mandy Moore



CRUNCH

8000 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood

Situated next to an art-house movie theater and across the street from

mega-celebrity haunt Greenblatt's Deli (Oscar winner Halle Berry gets food delivered from there), this work-out haven boasts a juice bar, boxing ring and live DJs.

Spotted: Russell Brand, Jeff Goldblum, Eva Longoria, Parker (right)



URTH CAFFE

8565 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood

This schmoozy West Hollywood eatery is the original of a Los Angeles chain that specializes in organic coffee blends with names such as "World Peace" and "Rainforest."

Spotted: Katy Perry, Hayden Panettiere (above), Jessica Alba



SHOP

THE GROVE/FARMERS MARKET

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This outdoor retail mecca can be considered an all-in-one stop, where you can catch a celebrity shopping at Nordstrom, walking the main drag or noshing on gourmet pizza or Mexican food at the historic Farmers Market next door.

Spotted: Rihanna (right), Lindsay Lohan, Janet Jackson, Jack Nicholson, Reese Witherspoon



SUNSET JUNCTION

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Spotted: Chloe Sevigny, Landon Pigg



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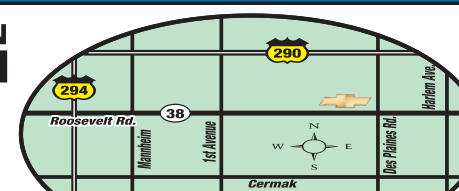
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'The Ghost Writer' (R)

Who's in it: Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan, Olivia Williams, Tom Wilkinson

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Matt says: "A tense thriller that ultimately slips away."



'The Crazies' (R)

Who's in it: Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell

What it's about: A remake of George A. Romero's 1973 biological warfare shocker in which the citizens of a small town go bonkers and start killing each other.

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'District 13: Ultimatum' (R)

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Tracy Morgan (left) and Bruce Willis in 'Cop Out'
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'Cop Out' is a crime against buddy flicks

In the mismatched partners department, opposites don't get much more extreme than goofy Paul (Tracy Morgan) and dull, by-the-book Jimmy (Bruce Willis). The New York cops work to take down a Mexican gang and recover Jimmy's valuable baseball card, which he hopes can pay for his daughter's wedding.

The buzz: Commercials for "Cop Out," whose original title was actually "A Couple of Dicks," haven't promoted this as a film by Kevin Smith ("Clerks"). Maybe because Smith never has been proud of his directing abilities, nor has he helmed a movie he didn't write. Don't be surprised if the filmmaker's attempt at a gunfire-laced buddy movie is as fruitful as his relationship with Southwest Airlines.

The verdict: An all-around mess, "Cop Out" is neither a serious cop movie nor a clever send-up of the genre. It's just a pathetic action-comedy from a guy who can't film action, featuring stars who have the chemistry of Play-Doh and a rock. Only the likable Morgan, who seems uncomfortable when saying things that do make sense, and supporting turns by Seann William Scott and Adam Brody give this boring, minimally funny fish some life. **MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.**



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- **From Paris With Love** (R) 11:05, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 11:30, 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- **Legion** (R) 11:40, 4:40, 10:05
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 2:10, 7:20
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 11:25, 1:35, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20, 10:30

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- **The Wedding Song** (NR) 6:00, 8:00
- **42nd Street** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **House** (NR) 7:45, 9:30

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- **Invictus** (PG-13) 2:15, 6:00, 8:40
- **Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) 2:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:10
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:10, 5:50, 8:30

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- **North Face** (NR) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- **Ajami** (NR) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
- **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 12:00 Midnight
- **District 13: Ultimatum** (R) 12:00 Midnight

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- AMC Select **My Name Is Khan** (PG-13) 2:30, 6:10, 9:45
- AMC Select **The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus** (PG-13) 2:20, 7:30
- AMC Select **Nine** (PG-13) 4:40, 10:15
- AMC Select **The Young Victoria** (PG) 5:10, 10:10
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 1:50, 7:20
- AMC Select **The Messenger** (R) 2:05, 10:00
- AMC Select **Precious: Based on the Novel "Push"** by Sapphire (R) 4:30, 7:10

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- **Cop Out** (R) 10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 11:15
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- **The Wolfman** (R) 11:05, 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:25
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 10:05, 1:10, 4:25, 7:25, 10:35
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 10:00, 11:00, 12:45, 2:00, 3:40, 4:05, 5:10, 7:20, 8:20, 9:30, 10:40, 11:30
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 11:20, 2:15, 5:05, 8:05, 10:50
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 10:35, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25
- **When in Rome** (PG-13) 1:20 P.M.
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:30, 4:40, 10:45
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 11:35, 2:10, 8:25, 11:05
- AMC Select **A Single Man** (R) 5:20 P.M.
- AMC Select **Up in the Air** (R) 11:40, 2:40, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 10:10, 11:30, 12:30, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 11:00
- AMC Select **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:25, 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 11:10
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:30, 7:45
- AMC Select **An Education** (PG-13) 1:00, 6:40

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 9:45, 11:10, 12:30, 2:00, 3:50, 4:40, 6:50, 7:40, 9:30, 10:20, 12:10, 12:55
- **The Craziest** (R) ★ 10:50, 11:40, 1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 5:10, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25, 12:20, 12:50
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 9:50, 10:20, 12:20, 1:00, 1:50, 3:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30, 11:30, 12:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 10:15, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30
- **The Wolfman** (R) 11:20, 2:10, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15, 12:40
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05, 1:00
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15, 11:45
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:15, 10:35
- **Edge of Darkness** (R) 10:10, 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:20, 12:01
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55, 12:35
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 10:00, 12:40, 3:15, 6:10
- **Up in the Air** (R) 9:10, 11:50
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 3:00, 4:45, 6:30, 8:20, 10:00, 11:55
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 10:45, 1:45, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 11:30, 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:10, 7:00, 9:30, 10:10
- **The Wolfman** (R) 10:10, 1:00, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 10:50, 12:15, 2:00, 3:15, 5:00, 6:20, 8:00, 9:20
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
- **It's Complicated** (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40
- **Up in the Air** (R) 11:50, 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:20, 3:00, 6:50, 10:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 9:45, 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:45

SHOWPLACE 14 GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
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- **The Craziest** (R) ★ 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 12:45, 3:50, 6:50, 10:00
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- **The Wolfman** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:50, 10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
- **Legion** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 12:40, 3:45, 6:20, 9:00
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 6:30, 9:10
- **The Spy Next Door** (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (PG) 2:00, 4:15
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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- **The Craziest** (R) ★ 12:40, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 12:10, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10, 6:30, 7:10, 9:45, 10:25
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
- **The Wolfman** (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:50, 10:40
- **Dear John** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
- **From Paris With Love** (R) 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
- **Legion** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10
- **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 10:30, 10:50, 1:30, 1:50, 4:10, 4:40, 6:50, 7:40, 9:50, 10:45
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) ★ 10:20, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:20, 11:00
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 10:10, 11:50, 12:40, 1:10, 3:10, 3:50, 4:20, 6:20, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 10:00, 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:40
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- **From Paris With Love** (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
- **The Book of Eli** (R) 10:15, 1:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
- **Up in the Air** (R) 10:05, 12:45, 3:20, 6:10, 9:10
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30, 6:30, 7:10, 10:00, 10:40

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- **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15
- **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
- **The Wolfman** (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 1:05, 4:25, 7:45

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- **Cop Out** (R) ★ 11:25, 12:45, 2:05, 3:20, 4:40, 5:55, 7:15, 8:30, 9:50
- **The Craziest** (R) ★ 11:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 1:05, 2:35, 4:05, 5:35, 7:05, 8:35, 10:05
- **The Messenger** (R) ★ 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
- **A Single Man** (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
- **An Education** (PG-13) 12:05 P.M.
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- **Shutter Island** (R) ★ 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
- **The Last Station** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
- **The Wolfman** (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
- **Up in the Air** (R) 11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20
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SHUTTER ISLAND

@infinities

Shutter Island: Cool visuals but too Sixth Sense-y of a story. No suspense, I got sleepy. Scorsese should stick to action.

VALENTINE'S DAY

@SusiePR

Valentine's Day has all the cliché qualities of a romcom you never wanted to see again

@impossibledino

Valentine's Day made He's Just Not That Into You look Oscar-worthy. Impressive-it had every awful aspect of RomComs in 1 film

@JordanMyers

Best line from movie Valentine's Day... "Everyone wants to hear those 3 little words...Let's-Get-Naked."

@beamish11

Valentine's Day Movie. Incredible cast. Incredibly disappointing.

@Henjealy

They would have saved time in the credits by just telling us who wasn't in Valentine's Day

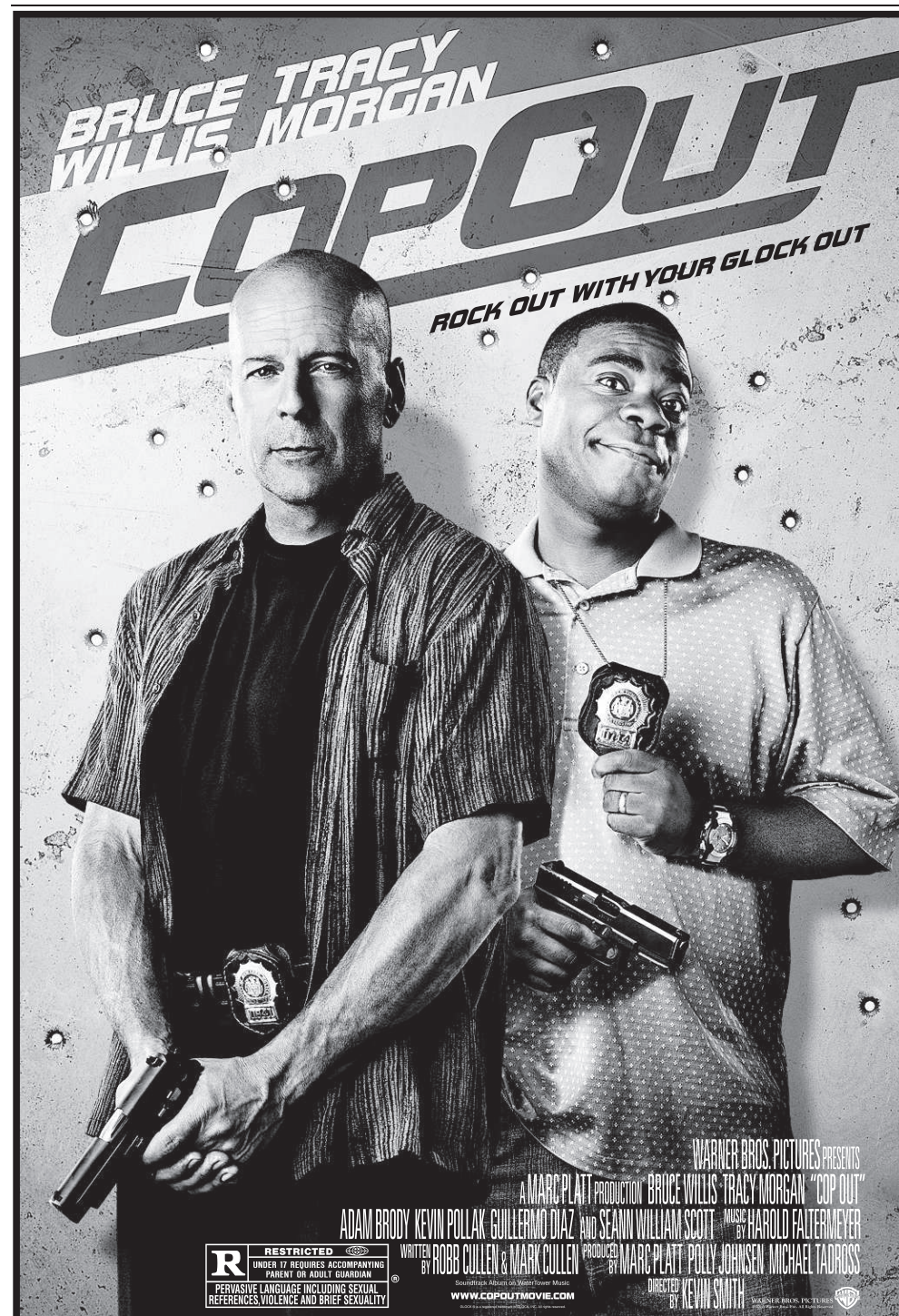
PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF

@boys2enough

Percy Jackson entertaining but book lovers may be disappointed if go with high expectations. Uma as Medusa stole the show!

@terripham

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief! I love the books, and the movie disappointed me. It was mediocre. Blech.



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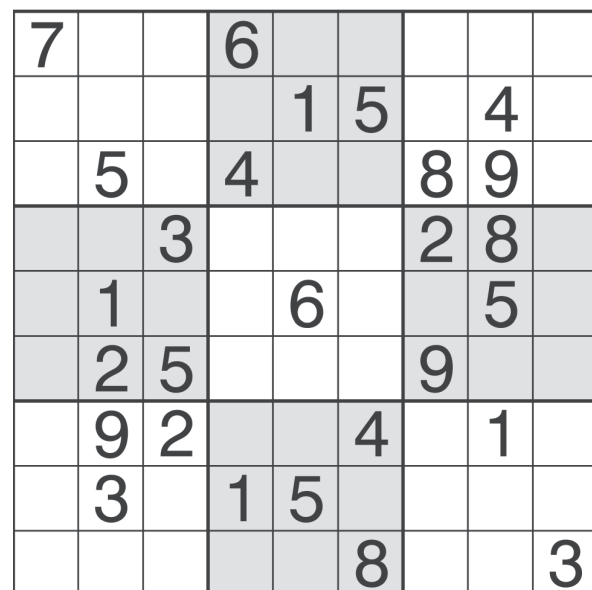


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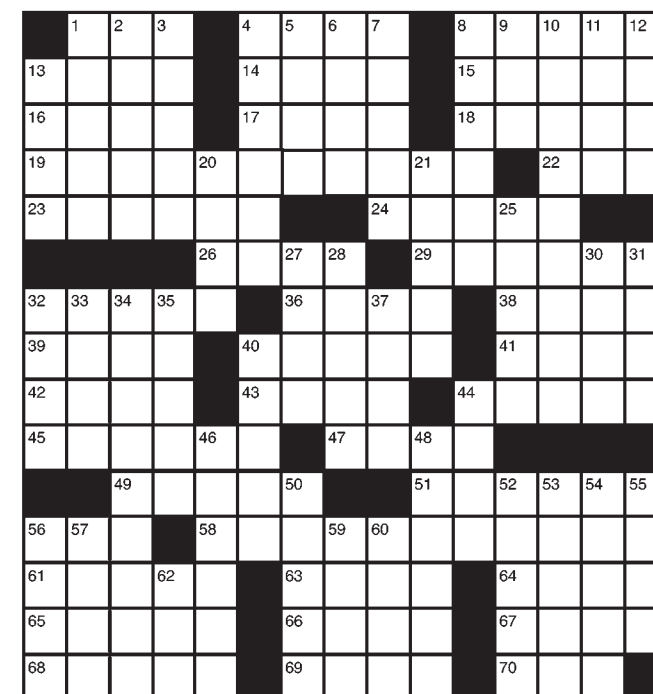
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- 14 Song for one
- 15 Wading bird
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- 18 Task
- 19 Marine
- 22 Currently
- 23 Diminish
- 24 Oxfords and high heels
- 26 Basic unit of all matter
- 29 Mohawk or Erie
- 32 Slalom racer
- 36 Feature of many capitol buildings
- 38 Doing nothing
- 39 Mound
- 40 Central theme
- 41 Golfer's pegs
- 42 Widemouthed jar
- 43 Common metal
- 44 Thing of value
- 45 Lyrical
- 47 Bring up
- 49 Class; type
- 51 Terminate
- 56 Agcy. once headed by J. Edgar Hoover
- 58 Bible index
- 61 Jewish leader
- 63 Have courage
- 64 _chowder
- 65 Brilliant display
- 66 Singles
- 67 Stringed instrument
- 68 Here and _; everywhere
- 69 Cleanse
- 70 Be in the red

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- 1 Sound of a giggle
- 2 Assumed name
- 3 Burial sites
- 4 Upward rising
- 5 Boggy area
- 6 Actor Alda
- 7 Short letters



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| 8 Suppose | 28 Engine | 48 Once again |
| 9 Word of disgust | 30 Toward shelter | 50 Donate, as to a college |
| 10 "Old _"; USS Constitution | 31 Wren's home | 52 Cheese-covered tortilla chip |
| 11 Emperor with a fiddle | 32 Bargain-hunt | 53 Relative by marriage |
| 12 Crockpot meal, maybe | 33 Metric weight unit, for short | 54 Frighten |
| 13 Barbie or Ken | 34 Like very sloppy writing | 55 Rope fiber |
| 20 Listen | 35 Gladden | 56 Worry |
| 21 Primary | 37 Ore quarry | 57 Johann Sebastian _ |
| 25 Goes over a manuscript | 40 Very small | 59 Wedding miracle town |
| 27 Aroma | 44 Dry as a desert | 60 Raw minerals |
| | 46 Egg on | 62 Saloon |

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Dresses that delighted

1 HALLE BERRY IN 2002

This burgundy Elie Saab creation with strategically placed floral appliques was gorgeous on the Oscar winner.

Everyone will be watching, but as of last week, Sandra Bullock said she wasn't sure what to wear to the Oscars.

"If I have to wear a trash bag, I'll wear it with rhinestones and I'll make it work," the "Blind Side" star joked at the Academy Awards nominees luncheon. Gabourey Sidibe, the star of "Precious," said at the same event that she is behind on the dress picking as well. "My stomach's hurting a little over it," the best-actress nominee told online.com. "I'm a little scared."

With good reason. This is the Oscars, after all, where what is worn often is more important than who wins. When actresses get the nod, they tend to bring out the big guns. Here's a look back at my list of the best-dressed nominees of the past 10 years:

**By Emily Rosenbaum
Maka REDEYE**


2 KEIRA KNIGHTLEY IN 2006

The "Pride & Prejudice" nominee went high glamour in this one-shouldered Vera Wang gown and show-stopping necklace.


3 MICHELLE WILLIAMS IN 2006

This marigold Vera Wang was a risk, but the "Brokeback Mountain" nominee pulled it off beautifully.


4 PENELOPE CRUZ IN 2007

She got the nod for "Volver," but her blush-colored Versace gown with a full skirt and stunning train was the real star.


5 CATE BLANCHETT IN 2005

She took home an Oscar and also landed on best-dressed lists in this buttercup-yellow Valentino with a maroon sash.

Which dress is best?

Which of these gowns is your favorite? Text "gown" followed by the number of your answer below to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Halle Berry 2. Cate Blanchett 3. Penelope Cruz 4. Keira Knightley 5. Michelle Williams

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Name that smell

Rihanna is having a hella (ella ella) of a time naming her new fragrance, which is due on shelves this year, **allure.com** reports. She's reportedly asking fans to offer suggestions. Fans have been posting their favorite names at **rihannadaily.com**.

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Scent of a woman

What would you name Rihanna's fragrance? Text "name" followed by your suggestion to **87708**.

Baby ghostbusters

"Ghostbusters" star Harold Ramis says he and the other original 'busters continue to take more of a back-seat role in the third installment. The Chicago-born funnyman told RedEye at an Oscar event Thursday that "The Office" scribes Lee Eisenberg and Gene Stupnitsky are still at work on a script, though he's been providing suggestions, along with Dan Aykroyd and director Ivan Reitman. The classic team also will be semi-retired. "The old ghostbusters will turn it over to some new ghostbusters," Ramis said. "We'll be the professors, the emeritus guys."



What's this Bolshevik?

"Are you the Russian Snooki or The Situation?" That's the first line of a casting shout-out for—you guessed it—a Russian-American version of MTV's "Jersey Shore" to be called "Brighton Beach." The creators, who are shopping the show around, are teaming with Chicago-based Russian social networking site Vueplanet for a casting call Friday at The Petergof (577 Waukegan Road, Northbrook).



Sample-size ready

Get set for another dose of Blue Steel. Ben Stiller and Justin Theroux are preparing "Zoolander" for another stomp down the runway. Theroux will direct the sequel to the 2001 cult classic, and Jonah Hill is in negotiations to play the villain.

Goodbye, almost-Idols

One of the contestants eliminated from "American Idol" Thursday had a few suggestions for the judges. "I feel like I didn't really get much constructive criticism during Hollywood Week and I feel like what they told me was a little bit too late," Tyler Grady said as Simon Cowell shook his head and smiled. Janell Wheeler, Ashley Rodriguez and Joe Munoz also were sent home Thursday.

Yorke project to hit Chicago

Radiohead front man Thom Yorke is bringing his side band, Atoms for Peace, to Chicago for shows April 10 and 11 at the Aragon, the Tribune's Greg Kot reports. Yorke packs quite the backing band, including Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and former R.E.M. drummer Joey Waronker.



HOT DATE

Sunday

That's the date of the farewell concert for the Dr. Wax music store, which closed its doors this month. Performers at the McCormick Auditorium show include Rita J, Innosphere, All Natural and Zzaje, event spokesman John Jointer said.